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ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE PROTECTIVE STRUCTURE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

This amendment is in response to the Official Action dated November 15, 200%.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

1.(Currently amended) 2 3

An electrostatic discharge (ESD) protective structure that protects

- an integrated circuit connected between a first voltage bus with a first supply voltage (VCC)
- and a second voltage bus with a second supply voltage (VSS), said electrostatic discharge
- 4 protective structure comprising:
- a plurality of laterally designed bipolar transistors each having a first load line 5
- connected to the first voltage bus and a second load line connected to the second voltage bus, 6
- wherein said first load lines are electrically parallel to one another and said second load lines 7